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Letter dated 23 December 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a decision of the Council of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on parliamentarians of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization joining forces in countering terrorism and other forms of violent extremism at the current time (Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation, 26 November 2015), as well as the attached appeal to the parliaments of the nations of the world and international parliamentary organizations to join forces in countering terrorism and all forms of extremism at the current time (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex would be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 108.

(*Signed*) V. **Churkin**

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Decision of the Council of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on parliamentarians of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization joining forces in countering terrorism and other forms of violent extremism at the current time

The Council of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, whose membership is as follows:

President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, G. G. Sahakyan; Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Armenia, E. O. Sharmazanov; Deputy Chair of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, V. A. Guminsky; Chair of the Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, K. J. Tokayev; Chair of the Mazhilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan, K. K. Zhakypov; Chair of the Jogorku Kenesh of the Kyrgyz Republic, A. S. Zhehenbekov; Chair of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, S. E. Naryshkin; Deputy Chair of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Y. L. Vorobiev; and Chair of the Majlis-i Milli of the Majlis-i Oli of the Republic of Tajikistan, M. U. Ubaidulloev;

With the following observers:

Chair of the Lower Chamber (Wolesi Jirga) of the National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, A. R. Ibraheemi; and member of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, M. Drecun;

And these invited guests:

Speaker of the National Assembly of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, S. A. Sadiq; and Chair of the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee of the Assembly of the Islamic Council of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Alaeddin Boroujerdi;

Has decided:

1. To welcome the establishment of working contacts with the parliaments of States members and observers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and indicate its readiness to grant them observer status in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization, pending receipt of applications for such status;

2. To take note of and support the Declaration by the Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States on combating international terrorism, adopted at the meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth, held in Astana on 16 October 2015;

3. To deem it necessary, given current conditions and the transnational ties and migration flows clearly emerging across the Eurasian region, to take measures

to harmonize and narrow any existing gaps among the basic provisions of the special laws of the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization on countering terrorism and extremism, with regard to:

- The central operative concepts in the legal regulation of efforts to counter terrorism and extremism
- The central concepts of national counter-terrorism policy and the primary areas of national policy to counter extremism
- Accountability for acts legally defined as extremist
- Implementation of counter-terrorism operations
- Procedures for monitoring the operations of political, civic, religious and other organizations in order to prevent manifestations of extremism by those organizations;

4. To adopt the appeal to the parliaments of the nations of the world and international parliamentary organizations to join forces in countering terrorism and all forms of extremism at the current time (see enclosure);

5. To direct the appeal mentioned in paragraph 4 of the present decision to the United Nations, States members of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Interparliamentary Assembly of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;

6. To approve the proposal introduced by the Chair of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, S. E. Naryshkin, and the Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea, Chung Ui-hwa, to hold a conference of speakers of parliaments of the Eurasian countries during the first half of 2016, in order for the parliaments of the Eurasian nations to join forces in countering terrorism and extremism.

(*Signed*) S. E. **Naryshkin**
Chair of the Parliamentary Assembly
Collective Security Treaty Organization

Saint Petersburg
26 November 2015

Enclosure

Appeal to the parliaments of the nations of the world and international parliamentary organizations to join forces in countering terrorism and all forms of extremism at the current time

The Council of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Collective Security Treaty Organization,

Recognizing the worldwide threats of terrorism and extremism at the current time, and realizing that only by joining forces will the international community be able to develop a comprehensive strategy to address them, and

Resolutely condemning the recent inhumane terrorist acts targeting Russia, France and other countries,

Appeals to the parliaments of the nations of the world and international parliamentary organizations to:

Call for an effective response to terrorism and for the unconditional suppression of the operations of international terrorist organizations such as the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, and support the idea of a genuinely broad counter-terrorist coalition under United Nations auspices, to be based on the norms and principles of international law and the Charter of the United Nations,

Join forces to ban, under international law and in all countries, the operations of the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant as well as those of other, similar extremist organizations, making use of United Nations mechanisms to do so,

Focus on strict implementation of the requirements contained in the counter-terrorism resolutions of the Security Council and General Assembly, while also noting the growing significance of the integrated approach to counter-terrorism reflected in the United Nations Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy, having to do specifically with stripping terrorism of the sources of financial, ideological and human resources that sustain it,

Step up efforts to enhance national legislation and international legal norms to combat terrorism and suppress propaganda that encourages violence, ethnic intolerance and hatred,

Promote the adoption of political, legal, socioeconomic and other measures to prevent in a timely manner and effectively withstand threats emanating from terrorist fighters and groups, to include the suppression of financing of terrorism and extremism, by, inter alia, combating illegal commercial operations, organized crime and illicit trafficking in narcotics,

Voice a common resolve to extend their engagement to prevent, detect and suppress terrorist activity, both bilaterally and in other, multilateral formats.